



**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

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Entitled: **Combination Seal Ring with Encoder**

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Combination Seal Ring with Encoder

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